Yet do not ſuddenly,for it may greeve him.
Sal. A kinder Gentleman treades not the earth,
I ſaw *Baſſanio* and *Anthonio* part,
Baſſanio told him he would make ſome ſpeed
Of his returne: he anſwered,do not ſo,
Slumber not buſineſſe for my ſake *Baſſanio*,
But ſtay the very riping of the time,
And for the Iewes bond which he hath of me,
Let it not enter in your minde of love:
Be merry,and imploy your chiefeſt thoughts
To Courtſhip,and ſuch faire oſtents of love
As ſhall conveniently become you there,
And even there his eye being big with teares,
Turning his face,he put his hand behind him,
And with affection wondrous ſenſible
He wrung *Baſſanio's* hand,and ſo they parted.
Sol. I thinke he onely loves the world for him,
I pray thee let us go and find him out,
And quicken his embraced heavineſſe
With ſome delight or other.
Sal. Do we ſo. *Exeunt.*

Enter *Nerriſſa* and a Servitor.
Ner. Quick,quick I pray thee,draw the curtain ſtrait,
The Prince of Arragon hath tane his oath,
And comes to his election preſently.

Enter *Arragon*,his traine and *Portia.*
Por. Behold,there ſtand the Caskets noble Prince,
If you chooſe that wherein I am containd,
Straight ſhall our nuptiall rights be ſolemniz'd:
But if you faile,without more ſpeech my Lord
You muſt be gone from hence immediately.
Arra. I am enioynd by oath to obſerve three things,
Firſt,never to unfold to any one
Which Casket twas I choſe; next,if I faile
Of the right Casket,never in my life
To wooe a maide in way of marriage:

Laſtly,

Laſtly,if I do faile in ſortune of my ch
Immediately to leave you,and be gon
Por. To theſe injunctions every o
That comes to hazard for my worthl
Arr. And ſo have I addreſt me;fo
To my hearts hope: gold,ſilver,and b
Who chooſeth me,muſt give and hazar
You ſhall looke fairer ere I give or h
What ſayes the golden cheſt,ha,let m
Who chooſeth me,ſhall gaine what man
What many men deſire,that many m
By the foole multitude that chooſe b
Not learning more then the fond eye
Which pries not to th'inheritour,bu
Builds in the weather on the outwa
Even in the force and rode of caſualt
I will not chooſe what many men de
Becauſe I will not jumpe with comm
And ranke me with the Barbarous m
Why then to thee thou ſilver treaſur
Tell me once more what title thou
Who chooſeth me ſhall get as much as h
And well ſaid to; for who ſhall go a
To couzen Fortune,and be honourab
Without the ſtamp of merit,let no
To weare an undeſerved dignity:
O that eſtates,degrees,and offices,
Were not deriv'd corruptly,and tha
Were purchaſt by the merit of the
How many then ſhould cover that
How many be commanded that co
How much low peaſantry would th
From the true ſeed of honour? and
Pickt from the chaffe and ruine of th
To be new varniſht; well,but to m
Who chooſeth me ſhall get as much as
I will aſſume deſert; give me a ke
And inſtantly unlocke my fortunes